GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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ELECTRIC OPERATED VEHICLES
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to promote Electric operated vehicles in the country;

(b) if so, the technology adopted for the purpose; (

(c) whether any systematic plan has been formulated for the purpose and particularly for the metropolitan cities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (MAJOR GENERAL (RETD. KHANDURI, AVSM)

(a) to (d): The Government is supporting research, development and demonstration of battery operated electric vehicles (EVs), which are environmentally benign and conserve the fossil fuels. The Government is implementing a programme on demonstration of electric operated vehicles through Nodal Agencies and Departments in the States and Union Territories, with provisions of Central Financial Assistance (CFA).During 2001-2002, the CFA is being provided for the purpose of new, indigenously manufacutred 10 seater and bigger capacity passenger vehicles powered by batteries with a range of at least 70 kilometers per charge of batteries used.

The Government is providing financial assistance to Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited, Bhopal,Ms. Scooters India Limited, Lucknow, Ms. Mahendra Eco Mobiles Limited, Mumbai and Reva Electric Car Co. Private Limited, Bangalore for the promotion of battery operated vehicles in the country. Besides, a pilot project to Scooters India Limited, Lucknow and Ms. Mahendra Eco Mobiles Limited, Mumbai for demonstration and field performance evaluation of 300 number of battery-operated three-wheelers in Delhi, Agara, Allahabad, Ahmedabad, Kolkata, Lucknow, Coimbatore and Pune has also been sanctioned.For this, Government is providing a grant of Rs. 1.00 lakh per vehicle. There is also a project to carry out extensive testing of 40 numbers of battery operated electric passengers cars.